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1. The Georgian SSR abounds in resorts, sanitoriums, points of historical interest, and mountain climbing paths. Some of the recreation areas are as follows:

Borzhomi: mineral waters and baths, an All-Union resort town.
Abastumani: resort
Bakuriani: alpine paths
Ikhra: an alpine path leading from Bakuriani to a place called Devyat Istochnikov (Nine Springs).
Gori: Stalin's birthplace, a place of pilgrimage by tourists and foreigners.
2. An MTS (machine-tractor station) is located approximately 3 km east of Akhaltsikh. The Akhaltsikh-Akhalkalaki highway crosses the Kura River by bridge near the MTS.
3. Sunday is market day in Akhaltsikh. On this day, the population of the surrounding villages comes into town.

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1. A narrow gauge railroad connects Borzhomi (41-50N, 43-24E) and Bakuriani (41-45N, 43-30E).
2. Train No. 76 runs from Tbilisi to Vale (Ule) (41-36N, 42-51E). It departs from Dzegbi, 7 km from Mtskheta, at 2330 hours and arrives at Borzhomi at 0400 hours.
3. The Transcaucasian Metallurgical Works at Rustavi is served by a station on the Tovati (sic; Mtavari?)-Arkhi rail line.
4. The highway from Akhaltsikh (41-38N, 42-59E) to Borzhomi parallels the railroad.

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